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Louisiana September 1 Crop Prospects

The September 1 crop prospects for Louisiana indicate record yields for corn, rice, and sugarcane, while all other crops, with the exception of sorghum, will have higher yields than last year according to Dave Frank, State Statistician for the Louisiana Agricultural Statistics Service. The following are prospects for the major crops:

Corn production is forecast at 36.5 million bushels, down 15 percent from a year ago. Yield per acre at 135 bushels, is up 19 bushels from last year. If realized, this will be the highest yield on record. The record book on yield began in 1866.

Cotton production is forecast at 1.2 million bales, down 6 percent from last month, but up 34 percent from 2000. Cotton planted and harvested acreages were revised from 910,000 and 900,000 to 865,000 and 855,000, respectively. This is a decrease of 45,000 acres for both planted and harvested from the June 1 estimate. Yield per acre, at 685 pounds, is 8 pounds less than last month, but 56 pounds more than in 2000.

Rice production at 28.9 million cwt is down 2 percent from last month, but up 18 percent from 2000. Production is down from last month due to a downward adjustment of harvested acres from 575,000 to 545,000. Yield per acre is forecast at 5,300 pounds per acre, up 200 pounds from last month, and 220 pounds more than in 2000. If realized, this will be the highest yield ever recorded in the state.

Sorghum production is forecast at 18.1 million bushels compared to 17.8 million bushels last year. Yield is forecast at 77 bushels per acre, down 6 bushels from both last month and the previous year.

Soybean production is forecast at 21.4 million bushels, up 3 percent from last month, but down 5 percent from a year ago. Yield, forecast at 32 bushels per acre, is up 1 bushel from last month, and 6 bushels more than in 2000.

Sugarcane production for sugar and seed is forecast at 16.3 million net tons, down 3 percent from last month, but up 10 percent from 2000. Yield per acre is forecast at 33 net tons, unchanged from last month, but up 3.3 net tons from last year. Production is down from last month due to a downward adjustment of harvested acres from 510,000 to 495,000. If realized, Louisiana will lead the nation in sugarcane acreage, and yield per acre will be the highest ever recorded in the state.

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Crop	Louisiana						United States					
	Acres For Harvest	Yield Per Acre			Production		Acres For Harvest	Yield Per Acre			Production	
	Ind. 2001	Unit	Final 2000	Sept 2001	Unit	Sept 2001	Ind. 2001	Unit	Final 2000	Sept 2001	Unit	Sept 2001
	Thousand				----Thousand----		Thousand				-----Thousand-----	
Corn, (grain)	270	bushels	116	135	bushels	36,450	69,191	bushels	137.1	133.5	bushels	9,238,356
Upland Cotton	855	pounds	629	685	bales	1,220	13,899	pounds	626	669	bales	19,377
Rice	545	pounds	5,080	5,300	cwt	28,885	3,290	pounds	6,281	6,272	cwt	206,349
Sorghum (grain)	235	bushels	83	77	bushels	18,095	8,777	bushels	60.9	61.2	bushels	537,110
Soybeans	670	bushels	26	32	bushels	21,440	74,137	bushels	38.1	38.2	bushels	2,833,511
Sugarcane (sugar & seed)	495	net tons	29.7	33	net tons	16,335	1030.2	net tons	35.2	35.6	net tons	36,645

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